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After serving as interim for several weeks

Kenya Martin officially named Elba Elementary School principal

The Elba Board of Education met Tuesday evening, June 29, for the regular monthly board meeting, and the group voted affirm a new principal for the elementary school.

Earlier in the month, the board had accepted a resignation from Debra Strickland Fincher as principal of the elementary school. At that time, Superintendent Chris Moseley said elementary counselor Kenya Martin would be the interim principal.

Last Tuesday evening, Moseley and the board took the interim title away from Martin by officially naming her

principal of Elba Elementary School. Martin is an alumnus of Elba City Schools.

Once Martin had been named principal, Moseley said the school would begin a search for a new elementary school counselor to replace Martin at that position.

During the meeting, the board affirmed several other personnel matters recommended by the superintendent.

A resignation was accepted from EES teacher Amy Woodham. She had accepted a job with another local

school system.

Eight new hires were approved for the elementary school, including: Natasha Chalker, teacher; Emily Kilcrease, teacher; DeReatha Tolle, teacher; Alicia Moore, teacher; Jessica Peeken, teacher; Stacey Mitchell, aide; Kristin Hanson, aide; and Maci Ellis, aide.

Further, two employee transfers were approved for EES. Pastee Levens will move from instructional aide to ISS, and Claire Lambert will move from kindergarten teacher to special education teacher.



Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley (right) congratulates Kenya Martin (left) on being named principal of Elba Elementary School. Martin moves into her new role at Elba City Schools after serving several years as counselor of the elementary school.

Local law enforcement make multiple drug arrests over holiday weekend

On Friday, July 2, officials with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office assisted the Elba Police Department in executing a search warrant in the 900 block of Simmons Street.

As a result, officers seized unspecified amounts of methamphetamine [ice], crack cocaine, marijuana, digital scales, and two firearms. Two men were arrested in connection, according to information released by the Coffee County Sheriff's Office.

Antonio Smith, age 47, and Willie Chism, age 42, were charged with multiple charges involving illegal drug activity including possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, and they were taken into custody.

Both have since been released from the Coffee County Jail on bond.

Also, according to Coffee County Jail records, Levi Morgan, age 22, of Elba was arrested by Coffee County deputies on Saturday, July 3, for possession of a controlled substance [three separate counts], misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana - second degree.

As of press time this week, he remained in the Coffee County Jail with a total bond of \$19,500 for all charges.

On Sunday, July 4, Wiregrass United Way announces cookbook signing at Elba Public Library

The Elba Public Library will host a book signing Wednesday, July 14, for Walter Hill, CEO of the Wiregrass United Way.

Hill recently published a cookbook of family recipes in memory of his



ELBA DELIVERS MUSIC, FIREWORKS AND MORE for 4th of July weekend celebration.The Let Freedom Ring patriotic celebration in honor of Independence Day held annually in Elba was a huge success this year! Last year, the event was a fireworks only affair, but Let Freedom Ring returned in full-force this year with the Nashville-based Cadie Calhoun Band performing in concert on the square. As music filled the high from Calhoun's high-octane performance, those in attendance also enjoyed watermelon, games, food, fellowship and more as they awaited the start of evening's highlight - the fireworks! And, as always, the show presented by Elba native Mike Holderfield did not disappoint. The graphic above shows Calhoun performing and the fireworks exploding as the main attractions of the 2021 Let Freedom Ring event. See More on Page 8.

mother, Virginia Hill, who passed away in January 2019. The cookbook contains 159 recipes, many of them used for decades by his mother.

The book sells for \$20, and 100 percent of the proceeds benefit the Wiregrass United Way. The Elba Public Library is one of 38 partner agencies that receive funding annually from the local United Way organization.

Hill will be at the Elba Public Library from 9:30 until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 14. Anyone wishing to purchase a book is encouraged to stop by during this time.

If unable to attend the book signing in Elba, contact Hill to order one to be mailed. Hill can be reached at ceo@wuw.org or 334-792-9661.

The Wiregrass United Way has served the Wiregrass area since 1938 and currently funds 38 member agencies serving Barbour, Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Henry and Houston counties. Funds raised by Wiregrass United Way are utilized locally in the six-county area. A committee of local volunteers determines how the funds are distributed among the member agencies.

For more information, visit the website at www.wuw.org.

Three support staff

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Area Happenings

THE ELBA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER IS OPEN! Anyone age 60 and over is invited to come join the center for food, fun, and more. Call (334) 897-3019 to sign up.

ELBA RABIES CLINIC, sponsored by the City of Elba's animal control department, will be Saturday, July 10, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon at Legion Field (1085 Neil Grantham Drive, Elba). Cost will be \$12 per shot/per animal.



Vaccines are free and open to public

COVID-19 vaccination clinics planned for ESCC campuses

Enterprise State Community College (ESCC) has joined forces with the Alabama Department of Public Health to sponsor COVID-19 vaccination clinics on the Enterprise and Ozark campuses in July.

The ESCC main campus in Enterprise will conduct clinics on Monday, July 12, and Thursday, July 15, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. each day. The address for the campus is 600 Plaza Drive, Enterprise, Ala.

The Ozark campus, located at 3405 Hwy. 231 S, will offer vaccination clinics on Tuesday, July 13, and Wednesday, July 14, from 12 noon until 5 p.m. each day.

These clinics will offer both the Moderna and

Johnson & Johnson vaccines to all eligible recipients age 18 and older. All vaccinations are free of charge, and these clinics are open to the general public.

The Pfizer vaccine is the only COVID-19 vaccine currently authorized for children ages 12 to 17. While it will not be offered at the ESCC clinics, the Pfizer vaccine can be obtained at some hospitals and local pharmacies through the federal retail pharmacy program, according to Coffee County EMA director James Brown. For a list of local providers of the Pfizer vaccine, visit www.vaccines.gov.

For questions regarding the ESCC [Enterprise and Ozark] vaccine clinics, call (334) 393-5499.



NEW PATRIOTIC BANNERS surround the square in downtown Elba. These were installed last week, and the banners have received lots of positive feedback from the community as they exhibit red, white and blue in support of America's troops.

News Brief:

A four-vehicle crash Wednesday, June 30, claimed the life of a Florida woman.

Barbara Joyce Spears, age 70, of Westville, Fla., was driving a 2006 Chevrolet Impala, which was stopped in traffic within a construction zone, at the time of the crash. Spears' Impala was struck from behind by a 2013 GMC Sierra driven by a juvenile from Alabama, which forced Spears' Impala into the rear end of a 2006 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Richard Stephen Cooks, age 30, of Elba. The Silverado was then forced into the rear end of a 2010 Cadillac Escalade driven by Richard Lee Byers, age 55, of Panama City, Fla.

As a result, Spears was fatally injured and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The crash occurred on Alabama 167 at the 5-mile marker approximately one mile south of the Hartford city limits. The accident was investigated by Alabama State Troopers.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

“Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth.” – George Washington, 1788

The U. S. Post Office historic peak of 787,538 employees in 2000 dropped to 495,941 on the payroll in 2020. That is a bit over a 37 percent drop from peak employment. We can probably attribute that to ‘computers’ doing lots of the sorting of mail. Of course when the mail goes astray the computer gets blamed for that as well. With this drastic drop in employees and their related salaries, it is hard to understand the continuing increase in postal fees, etc. We hear reports of reduced first class mail but predict that every rate increase is counterproductive because it further reduces first class mail volume. Then we see rural mail carriers leaving the post office in the morning with their vehicles crammed with parcels of merchandise postal patrons have ordered from mail order houses. Small towns like Elba only get one U. S. Postal delivery per day, but these parcel delivery firm’s trucks are coming and going all day! It is far over our head, but we do wonder why those parcels are shipped by the commercial delivery services, but actually delivered by the U. S. Post Office?? Maybe some adjustment of this system would go a long way with solving the money and other problems of the U. S. Postal Service.

It is hard to wrap our arms around the disastrous high rise condo collapse in South Florida last week. Just think – people went to bed for a good night’s sleep only to have their homes cave in around them with the vast majority being buried in the rubble and their bodies still not dug out. Then there is the other half of those in that high rise condo who survived without the collapse getting them but having to watch their condos demolished without them getting to salvage a single photograph, a change of clothes or other personal item for fear an additional collapse would catch them and cost them their lives. We also wonder if the survivors had (or could get) insurance coverage to cover such a disaster. One can only imagine the extreme jitters of thousands of residents of other high rise buildings, particularly those in the vicinity of this disaster, as they wonder if their building is the next to fall.

Politics are cranking up in Alabama for next year’s elections. Several have announced as candidates for the Governor’s office including incumbent Kay Ivey. Most experts are conceding the race to her but that has not stopped several folks from throwing their name in the hat. We have heard no formal announcement of anyone planning to run for the open Senate seat left by Jimmy Holley’s decision not to seek re-election after over 40 years in political office. However the rumor mill is full of the names of potential candidates. About the only one you can be sure is NOT a candidate will be yours truly!

Several months ago we admitted right here in this column of our fear, from the very beginning, that as president, Donald Trump would put this country so far in debt it could never dig out. He faced some unusual conditions during his administration and yes . . . America went deeper into debt. Now the U. S. has changed the guard in D.C. and yes . . . America has gone even deeper in debt, with more spending projected to come. There has to be some way to solve this country’s negative issues - and successfully - without throwing tons of money at them. Apparently the problem is to find these solutions and get enough Washington politicians on board to prove they work. But then the down side would probably be they couldn’t go back home and brag “this is how much money ‘I’ got for you!!!”

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employments were approved. Joshua Harrison was approved to be an aide at New Brockton High School this upcoming school year. Also, two CNP workers were approved to the hired for the 2021-2022 school year. Cynthia Lee will be a part-time CNP worker at New Brockton High School, and Pamela Brock will be a CNP worker at New Brockton Elementary School.

The next regular meeting for the Coffee County Board of Education will be Thursday, July 8, at 5:30 p.m.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, June 29, 2021, and Monday, July 5, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, June 29 – Harassment reported at 1131 Guyton St (1:12 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 556 County Rd 263 (6:46 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 232 Dr Roberts Dr (8:00 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1012 Elm Ave (11:20 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1012 Elm Ave (12:19 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2695 Hwy 166 – animal impound (12:50 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1157 Morrow Ave – animal impound (1:30 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Davis St E (4:48 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 200 Brunson St (5:11 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (11:05 p.m.). There were 12 traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in six written warnings, five citations, and one advice given.

Wednesday, June 30 – Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (8:52 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 211 Adkinson Ave (10:50 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1122 Farris Ave (12:49 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1142 Pine Circle (3:12 p.m.); Prowler reported on Putnam St (9:35 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1105 Guyton St – an arrest was made (11:41 p.m.). There were seven traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one verbal warning, one written warning, four citations, and one report.

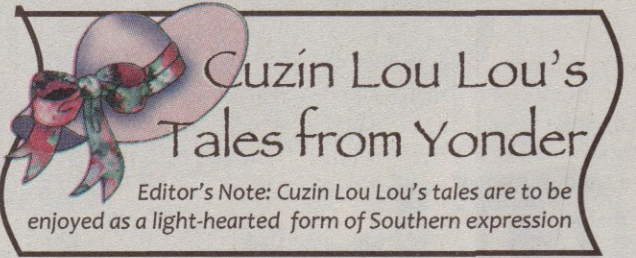
Thursday, July 1 – Criminal mischief reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (12:23 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 990 Hwy 203 (4:29 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 816 Putnam St (11:44 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1107 Payne St (2:24 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 979 Johnson St (3:42 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 119 Old Samson Rd (4:22 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 357 Brunson Circle (6:05 p.m.); Assault reported at 209 Adkinson Ave (6:58 p.m.); Unruly juvenile reported at 664 Reynolds Ave (9:44 p.m.). There were 12 traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in nine citations, two written warnings, and one verbal warning.

Sunday, July 4 – Trespassing reported at 442 County Rd 263 (11:04 a.m.); Fire reported at 1019 Johnson St (4:34 p.m.); ATV complaint reported at 650 Claxton Ave N (8:31 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1105 Guyton St (9:07 p.m.); Fireworks complaint on Newton St (9:54 p.m.). There were six traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in three citations, one arrest, one warning, and one investigative stop.

Monday, July 5 – Assault reported at 410 Plant Ave – an arrest was made (1:08 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 E (2:15 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1565 Powell Circle (12:05 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1620 Boswell St (6:09 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 1239 Jones Circle (9:55 p.m.). There were nine traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in six written warnings, and three citations.

Friday, July 2 – Suspicious person reported on Forest Lake Dr (9:44 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 903 Brookdale Ave (9:52 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 154 Yelverton Ave – with animal impound (10:54 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1107 Payne St (11:38 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Ann St – with animal impound (3:43 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on County Rd 342 (5:09 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (7:07 p.m.); Harassment reported at 816 Putnam St (7:31 p.m.); Harassment reported at 816 Putnam St (9:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 702 Newton St (9:24 p.m.). There were seven traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one unfounded, two citations issued, and four written warnings.

Saturday, July 3 – Domestic complaint reported at 2445 Hickman Ave (9:08 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 804 Hwy 203 (10:58 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at



Cuzin Lou Lou could not help but beam with pride last week when she noticed new decorative banners going up around the downtown area of Yonder!

The new banners, in Lou Lou’s opinion, are the absolute best ones the city folks have put on display so far. The designs on these new banners beam with patriotism in red, white and blue colors, along with the added note of “We Support Our Troops”!

Lou Lou is proud to say she is the daughter of an American hero as Papa served his country in the United States Army. It was a service Papa took seriously and served with honor.

There are plenty of folks all across this great nation that still love our country and support our troops. We just tend to make less noise on a daily basis than those wanting to create havoc.

Truth be told...that’s the case for most anything. The trouble-makers always seem to be louder than the ones following the rules and doing the things necessary to keep the train on the track, moving forward.

Last Saturday night, however, it made Lou Lou smile from ear to ear to see so many people come out to Yonder’s independence celebration event to show their support and love for country! On the 4th of July, Lou Lou and the Yonder gang attended a minor league baseball game, and as the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner concluded, the cheers from the crowd were the loudest Lou Lou had heard in years...it was a magical, give you goose-bumps kind of feeling!

There are those who say patriotism is dead in this country, but they are sorely mistaken! It is alive and well...you just need to look in the right places!

As for Lou Lou and the Yonder gang, they’ll continue to show off that red, white and blue spirit, stand and place a hand over the heart each time the National Anthem is played and/or sang, and proudly yell, “God Bless America!”

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling and Go USA!



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A second Zion Chapel Bass Team earns spot in nationals competition

The Zion Chapel Bass Team members excelled in their mission to fish competitively with other high school teams throughout the state of Alabama. These anglers have come a long way in their two years on the water reeling in the big ones.

As this season comes to an end, two teams will continue competing in more and larger uncharted waters when they go to Lake Chicamauga, Tennessee, to compete in the BASS Nation High School National Championship Tournament. Team Avery Padgett/Ethan Young qualified for NATIONALS recently when the ZCBT fished in the Alabama BASS Nation High School State Championship Tournament at Lake Weiss. They came in fifth place out of 207 boats.

Following the state championship tournament, BASSMASTER High School sponsored an open tournament at Lay Lake, June 26, for any angler throughout the nation who had not qualified for NATIONALS. The three ZCBT teams, who had not qualified for Nationals, fished this tournament. The team of Kaleb DeVos/Kevin Dowdy finished 18th place out of 190 boats which qualified them for Nationals. The top 19 qualified for Nationals. The team of FitzGerald/J. Dowdy weighed in four fish. The team of Johns/Lee did not weigh in.

The ZCBT will have its annual banquet Friday, July 9, 2021. In the meantime, they are accepting donations of \$5 for a single ticket or \$20 for five tickets for

Coffee County Farmers Federation announces July 19th meeting plans

The annual meeting of the Coffee County Farmers Federation will be held Monday, July 19, at 6:30 p.m., in the community room at the Extension

July events for Landmark Park

Landmark Park is located at 430 Landmark Dr. in Dothan, Ala. For more information, call 334-794-3452 or visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com. Regular daily admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for kids and free for park members and children 2 and under.

Wacky Wednesdays

July 7, 14, 21, 28, 10 a.m. Interpretive Center Auditorium. Anything goes at Wacky Wednesday! Join us for a fun program for families. Register online at www.landmarkparkdothan.com. Free with paid gate admission.

July 7: Fairy Gardens

July 14: Painting on Canvas

July 21: Yoga

July 28: Book Art

Animal Adventures

July 8, 9, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 10 a.m. Interpretive Center Auditorium.

Meet live native and exotic animals up close and learn about these different creates. Register online. Free with paid gate admission.

July 8: Chickens

July 9: Animal Adaptations with the Montgomery Zoo

July 16: Reptiles

July 22: Performing Cats

July 23: Birds of Prey

July 29: Horses

July 30: Bloodhounds

Music By Moonlight

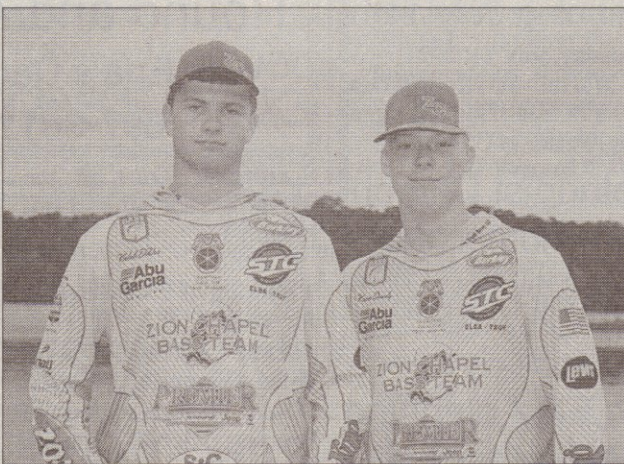
7:30 p.m. Free concerts under the stars. Bring your lawn chairs and picnic baskets. No pets or alcohol please. Drugstore and Country Store will be open selling ice cream and drinks. Sponsored by Alabama Power Energizers.

July 8: Smoke and Steel

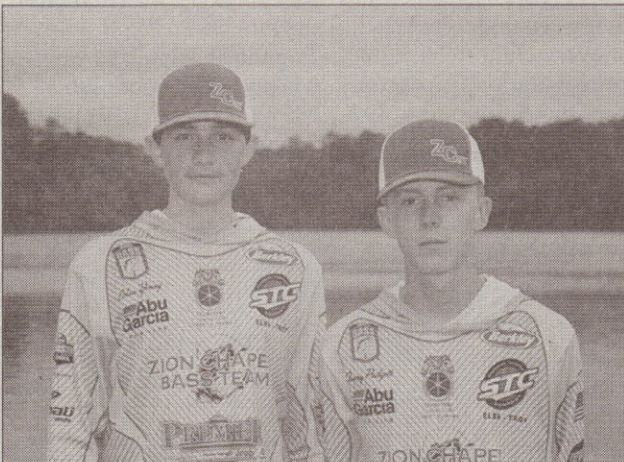
July 22: Mama Try'd

Watermelon Tasting

July 10, 10 a.m. Wiregrass Farmstead. Sample a variety of watermelon and pick your favorite. Free with paid gate admission.



Zion Chapel bass anglers Kevin Dowdy and Kaleb DeVos earned a spot June 26th to compete later this month in the BASS Nation High School National Championship Tournament at Lake Chicamauga. They will join fellow Zion Chapel Bass Team members Ethan Young and Avery Padgett in representing Zion Chapel at the competition.



Zion Chapel bass anglers Ethan Young and Avery Padgett were the first two-man team from Zion Chapel to qualify for the BASS Nation High School National Championship Tournament at Lake Chicamauga in Tennessee later this month. Now, they will be joined by fellow team members Kevin Dowdy and Kaleb DeVos.

a Yeti 45 Drawing or \$500 cash award drawing. The drawing will be held on Facebook Live, July 23rd; the winners do not have to be present to win. The money raised from this endeavor will help to defray the expenses for the two teams to go to Nationals.

Then the last week in July,

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Only one registration per membership for door prizes, and all members are encouraged to attend.

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Heritage Forums

July 11, 18, 25, 3 p.m.

Interpretive Center Auditorium. Join local historians for programs on state and local history. Register online. Free with paid gate admission.

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

MARY EVELYN LEE HALL

Mrs. Mary Evelyn Lee Hall moved from her earthly life to eternal life Monday, June 28, 2021, in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Mary was born in Coffee County, the fourth surviving child of Edward Broughton Lee and Evelyn Baxley Lee. She made her profession of faith at Elba United Methodist Church, and graduated from Elba High School during World War II. After graduation, she moved to Jacksonville, Florida, where she was employed as a legal secretary. In 1947, she married Walter F. Hall, a Presbyterian minister in Jacksonville. They served churches in Mississippi, Tennessee, Florida, and North Carolina. Mary returned often to Elba to visit her parents and siblings. After her husband retired, the couple returned to the west coast of Florida. Mary moved to Raleigh in 2003.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 3:30 p.m., from the family plot in Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, Ala. Hayes Funeral Home is serving the Hall family.

Mary preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her brothers William and Lamar, and her sisters Annie and Anita.

Survivors include her children: Mary Lee, of Raleigh, and Walter (Carolyn) of Zavalla, Texas; along with nieces, Linda Mauldin and Kathy Reynolds, and nephews Wayne Lee and Craig Hudson and their children.

WILLIAM DARRELL HOLDERFIELD

Mr. William Darrell Holderfield, age 61, a resident of Ozark, Ala., died Sunday, July 4, 2021, at his home.

Mr. Holderfield was born July 27, 1959 in Fort Payne, Ala. He was a 1977 graduate of Elba High School; a 1995 graduate of Enterprise State Junior College; and received his Bachelor's degree in special education in 1998 from Troy University.

A private family memorial service will be held for Mr. Holderfield. However, condolences may be expressed at <www.HolmanFuneralHome.com>. Holman Funeral Home and Cremations of Ozark will be handling arrangements.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Dillard "Doug" Holderfield; his mother, Edna Deloris "Susie" Bowen Holderfield; niece and nephews, Megan Holderfield, Riley Holderfield and John Buchanan.

Survivors include his wife: Cheri Crocker Holderfield; one son: William Ryan "Will" Holderfield; one brother: Michael Douglas Holderfield (Rosalyn Forbes); one sister: Susan Dianne Holderfield Harrison; along with multiple nieces, nephews, and other family members.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Vivian B. Adams School, 2047 Stuart Tarter Road, Ozark, Alabama 36360.

JAMES ALFRED CHANDLER

Mr. James Alfred Chandler, age 86, of Brantley, Ala., died Monday, July 5, 2021, at the Elba Nursing and Rehab Center in Elba.

Funeral services were held from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, at 2 p.m., with Rev. Jeremy Sasser officiating. Burial services followed in the Veasey Chapel Church Cemetery.

Mr. Chandler was preceded in death by his wife, Frances L. Chandler; father, Jackson Zeon Chandler; mother, Cora May Chandler, and sister, Sleety Mullins.

Survivors include his daughters: Sherry (Ray) Hudson, Brantley, Terry Chandler, Elba, Ala., and Rita (Ricky) Mitchell, Opp, Ala.; sons: Larry (Becky) Chandler, Enterprise, Ala., and Ricky Chandler, Elba; sisters: Pat Boswell and Faye Manning, both of Elba, and Shirley Williams, Greenville, Ala.; 15 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren.

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What is a Flag Detail, and What Does One Look Like?

The United States flag plays a prominent role in military funerals. As such, it's important to have officers on hand who can not only ensure the fallen service member is properly honored but also see to it that the flag is handled with care and respect.

These officers are collectively known as the flag detail and may include a number of officers tasked with different activities. A couple of members of the detail will be responsible for handling the flag and folding it at the proper time. (The folds of the flag are rich in symbolic significance, and it's vitally important that this action is taken on with the requisite attention.) These flag folders will then furnish the flag to the deceased's next of kin.

There are other important roles included in the flag detail, including pallbearers - whose job is to make sure that the fallen service member's casket is transported respectfully and carefully.

In other words, the flag detail serves in both a symbolic role and a functional one. The members of the flag detail bring a lot of ceremonial significance to the military funeral service, but their actions are also necessary for keeping the events of the service moving forward.

As you consider the funeral arrangements for your deceased service member, you may have questions about how to arrange the proper flag detail, and what tasks you can expect them to perform during the service. Reaching out to the local VFW or American Legion can provide you with the answers you need. Alternatively, you can always ask your funeral home director for their insights on the matter.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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CHURCH NEWS

Mt. Vernon Assembly of God invites all to Sunday, July 11, morning worship service

Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church, 177 County Road 330, Elba, Ala. invites all to the Sunday, July 11, morning worship service where Will Jordan will be giving his testimony. The service will begin at 11 a.m.

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Steve Reneau, Pastor

Elba United Methodist Church
503 Davis Street, Elba, AL

"Christ set us free, so that we should remain free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourself be fastened again to the yoke of slavery." - Galatians 5:1

245 years ago a document was forged and placed on the desk of the President of the Continental Congress. John Hancock lifted it up to scan the words on the parchment. "When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness..."

At that moment printing presses were preparing themselves to print broadsides throughout the night. The nation waited with bated breath. Hancock picked up his pen, and signed his name so large that he exclaimed King George II would not need to put on his glasses to read it. This moment represented a turning point; there would be no going back now. Thirteen British colonies had just declared their independence from the British Empire.

Over the past few days, we all have commemorated and celebrated this event. We have told our children and grandchildren of this first Independence Day in the life of our country, and what it means to be free. What is freedom? What is true freedom?

In primary school, I learned freedom basically is the ability to do whatever I want as long as it does not inhibit you for doing what you want. However, this is not a very good definition. The Declaration of Independence plainly states that freedom, for Americans, is no longer being under control of a tyrant, and indeed that liberty is something given to us by God.

Christ-centered people speak of liberty too. We employ language of freedom and slavery, and yet our slavery is not from an oppressive system or institution. We see all of humanity as being in slavery to sin and death; these are our tyrants.

Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are invited to overthrow these tyrants, and be freed to live in joyful obedience to God. The origin of the word "free" is the Germanic word frie or "love" and it is base of the word "friend". Those who follow Christ focus both on the freedom from sin, but also the freedom to truly love. Freedom is not doing whatever we desire for Paul warns against this self-indulgent freedom. Instead, Paul instructs us to choose to use our freedom to love and serve one another.

As we celebrate Independence Day, I ask you to reflect upon if you are truly free and if you are how are you using that freedom to love God's good creation.

Trinity Baptist Church returns to 10 a.m. Sunday worship beginning July 11th

Trinity Baptist Church, Sunday, July 11, 2021. located at 23830 Hwy. 10 a.m. each Sunday morning. Pastor is C.P. Davis.

Chestnut Grove Methodist Church plans Sunday, July 11, Homecoming

Chestnut Grove Methodist Church will hold its annual Homecoming Service on Sunday, July 11, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

All are invited to attend. No meal will be served.

First Baptist Church Elba planning "The Greatest Gift" VBS circus event

First Baptist Church Elba is planning a "circus" in July.

The event, "The Greatest Gift", for children, ages 3 years to 6th grade, will be held on two days - July 16th and 17th.

On Friday, July 16, there will be a family night pizza party from 5-7 p.m. Then, on Saturday, July 17,

Vacation Bible School will be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. for the children with breakfast and lunch provided.

There will also be a backpack giveaway. To ensure having enough backpacks for every child to have one, pre-registration is encouraged by calling 334 897-2246 or e-mail <kedmondson@troycable.net>

Coffee County Baptist Association announces upcoming VBS programs

The Coffee County Baptist Association shares a list of Vacation Bible School opportunities for its member churches, including:

- Lee Street Baptist Church - July 12-18 [6-8 p.m.]
- Newbia Baptist Church - July 15-17 [July 15-16]

will be 6-8:30 p.m.; July 17 will be 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.]

- Victoria Baptist Church - July 17 [9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.]
- Church on Boll Weevil Circle - July 25-28 [5:30-8 p.m.]

Share Your Church News with Us!

1 OUT OF 10 ELDERLY PERSONS AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES ARE BEING: Abused, Neglected or Exploited

If you suspect this is happening to someone you know, please report it to Adult Protective Services by contacting your local DHR office or calling the ADULT ABUSE HOTLINE at 1-800-458-7214

HELP STOP THE ABUSE IF YOU SEE IT, REPORT IT



There's no excuse for ELDER ABUSE

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Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: Trust in the Salvation of the Lord [Psalm 13: 1-6]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Yazmin McNair, Calvin Tate, Vernetter Purvis, Ocie Phillips, Juanita Brooks, Nicole Duncan, Angie Dawson, Listine Kelley, Alan J. Belcher, Bobby Ordon

July Birthdays / Anniversaries

Joseph Long 7/3 (in memory)
Eugene Nelson 7/5
Makayla D. Moore 7/6
Min. Joyce Belcher Johnson 7/7
Evelyn Belcher Manning 7/8
Rev. Stanley Woodfolk 7/8
Malik Kelley 7/9
Henry Rowe 7/9
Kenya Martin 7/10
Lydia M. Kelley 7/10
JaVante Deyshaun Griggs 7/10
Shelly Davis Jr. 7/11 (in memory)

Symbolic Speech

I recently renewed my driver's license. This required taking the written test again. Before going to the Department of Motor Vehicles, I read the latest edition of the California Driver Handbook and noticed some changes.

The handbook had quite a bit to say about how to avoid road rage incidents. No matter how bad you think other drivers are, the handbook warns against "speaking" to them by swerving, flashing your high beams, or making obscene gestures. That is, don't use actions as symbolic speech that might incite other drivers into even more aggressive behavior.

What we show by our speech, whether verbally or in actions that are a type of speech, reflects what is going on inside

our hearts and minds. How often do you express wrath in ungodly behavior that can provoke others into one-upping your questionable actions? It's not just in heavy traffic that this question is relevant! - C.R.B.

Question/Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 7/8/21

Multiple Choice

Q: What was Habakkuk's role? (prophet) (king) (priest)

A: Prophet [Habakkuk 1:1]

Q: Men are referred to as fish that have no what? (ruler) (sense) (food)

A: Ruler [Habakkuk 1:14]

Q: The role of a priest included that of what? (judge) (messenger) (prophet)

A: Messenger [Malachi 2:7]

Thought to Remember

Love never fails. Show your love!

Questions for the Week of 7/15/21

Multiple Choice

Q: In the Old Testament Book of Zechariah 8: Who expressed jealousy? (the Lord) (Zion) (Judah)

Q: Jeremiah condemned the hand of whom? (a liar) (an oppressor) (a false prophet)

Q: God's roar, like what creature, was a call for Israel to come home? (bear) (lion) (tiger)

Today is a good day! Be grateful, Eria's Daughter, Sue



Church Directory



IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIGHT OF MEN

ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Harry Driggers, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cottler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Night . . . 5:30 p.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Remona Smith, Pastor
Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.
Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adeock, Pastor
Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overseers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC
Glenwood, AL
Sunday Prayer . . . 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service . . . 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service . . . 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Loreal Flowers, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st, 4th Sun. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

PRAYSE & GLORY METHODIST CHURCH
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Noon Worship . . . 12 noon
Even. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon. . . 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 7:00 p.m.
Fri. Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
C.P. Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH
Donald Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Shayne Allen, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
Ruby Lawson, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Ken Wilson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Tommy Green, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Kenneth Hagler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed

SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

There is something about fireworks that light up the eyes of youngsters of all ages, and that was certainly the case over the weekend as we went with our grandson Lawson to watch fireworks to celebrate the fourth. I know some of this 'oohs' and 'aahs' were for our sake, but he really enjoyed the big show and was all smiles when he left. Another memory that will last forever!

For what it is worth....

*** *Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving* and I had a little laugh a few weeks back when I asked him if his run-happy Tigers would compete in any seven-on-seven competitions this summer. He admitted his team looked to run the ball first and foremost, but he took the Tigers to a seven-on-seven competition last week over in New Brockton and posted big wins over New Brockton and Northside Methodist. Coach Sieving refused to admit the Tigers had a big day throwing the ball, but said they did compete and did what it took to win the two games. The

Elba JV posted a 1-1 record at the event and reportedly also looked pretty good in the 'pass only' competition. While I will admit the wins got me a little excited about the upcoming season, the fact the defense also put in a winning performance made me feel even better. Yep, football fever may hit Elba in just a matter of weeks.

*** *The Straughn Tigers may have to add a little green* to their uniforms this season after adding a number of former Brantley players and coaches to the staff. Former Bulldog head coach Ashley Kilcrease will be the new head man for the Tigers on the gridiron, while former Bulldog head coach and Hall of Fame member David Lowery will head up the defense, and former Brantley quarterbacks Andrew Lowery and Jacob Free will both be walking the sidelines. Free had one year of eligibility left at Troy University and was expected to battle for playing time, but with his degree in his pocket decided to hang up his cleats and join the coaching ranks. Coach Lowery and Coach Kilcrease coached at Brantley for a combined total of 17 years and posted a combined record of 204-43, including an amazing record of 118-6 against region foes. Straughn already has a rich history in football, and with the addition of the new coaches from Brantley things can only get better.

*** *The big news from college football* last week had little to do with commitments or coaching changes, and was instead centered around the new 'NIL' rules that were approved by the NCAA and will allow the players to cash

in on their collegiate fame. The 'name, image, likeness' rule came about after a Supreme Court ruling, and college players are already reaping the benefits as agents and businesses come calling. Alabama's Bryce Young has already signed with an agent and has a marketing deal, while teammate Malachi Moore has signed with Milo Sweet Tea and a couple of other teammates have signed with gaming services. Auburn's Bo Nix is also a Milo's Sweet Tea drinker and hopes to cash in on his college success, while two Tigers have hooked up with an underwear brand and another also joined the gaming business. The new rules haven't been around long enough for anyone to really understand, and the big concern is that a gullible player could lose his eligibility due to a signing. My concern is that some players may soon be more concerned about their own financial success, and not the success of their teams.

*** *The new high school football season* will kick off in just seven weeks, and as always there will be a lot of new coaches walking the sidelines. The biggest change locally probably came down at Opp, where former Alabama head coach Mike Dubose took the reins of the Bobcats. Coach Dubose was a former 'coach of the year' in the SEC during his years at Alabama and posted a 36-15 record during a four year stop in Luverne, but in his latest high school coaching stops went 0-10 at Northview and 3-7 at Prattville. Coach Dubose has yet to prove himself as a high school coach, but will no doubt draw a little extra concern from opposing coaches as they put in a game plan for the Bobcats. Other changes that will get notice from Elba fans will be at G.W. Long and Daleville. G.W. Long hired Brantley assistant David Watts to lead the Rebels, and while Watts struggled to post a 3-17 record in his only two years as a head coach at the high school ranks in Georgiana, he is considered a talented offensive coach and seems like a good fit with the Rebels. Daleville hired Will Garner to lead the Warhawks, and since he has never been a head football coach at any level, I guess time will tell about the hire. A recent change that got my attention was Ezell Powell resigning at Georgiana. Powell, reportedly the highest paid coach in the state in 1A circles, posted a 64-27 record in eight years with the Panthers, but posted a less than stellar 6-6 slate in the playoffs, and after posting a 9-11 mark the last two seasons, word was the former Auburn standout had lost a lot of his support. Another change that slipped under the radar was up at Beauregard, where former New Brockton head coach Justin Jones was hired as the new head coach. Jones kind of went under the radar in recent years after leaving the area, but has resurfaced and is back and in charge of a solid program. A couple of other new head coaches worth mentioning include Quinn Hambrite, at Charles Henderson; Luke Tucker, at Dale County; Don Moore, at Goshen; Rodney Dollar, at Headland; and, Eddie Brundidge, at Houston Academy.

*** *In closing....* I know our streets are in a mess due to work replacing water lines and the city has some other problems due to a lack of employees, but after attending Saturday night's fourth of July celebration on the square I am convinced we are still lucky to live in the best small town in the country. I may be wrong, but I can't believe there is another city our size that had anything close to what we had over the weekend. Hundreds of people like me and you sitting in lawn chairs around the courthouse, a parade of golf carts decorated in red, white and blue, a country music singer from Nashville putting on a free show to everyone in attendance, and of course Elba native Mike Holderfield putting on the best fireworks display anywhere around. It may be true this isn't the same small town we grew up in, but it is still Elba and is still a mighty good place to call home!!!!

State's newest community archery park is located at Lakepoint State Park

Alabama's newest community archery park held its grand opening on Thursday, June 24, 2021, at Lakepoint State Park, 104 Old Highway 165, in Eufaula, Alabama. The Lakepoint Community Archery Park is located near the park's campground and day use area. The public and media are invited to attend the grand opening ceremony.

The archery park will be open year-round during normal park hours for recreational shooting, competitive tournaments and outdoor educational programming. The facility features an eight-target adult range from 15 to 50 yards and a four-target youth range of 5 to 20 yards.

Use of the archery park is free for those under 16 years of age or over 65. Lakepoint entry fees still apply. Alabamians ages 16 to 64 must have a hunting license, Wildlife Management Area (WMA) license, or Wildlife Heritage license to use the range. For non-residents, an annual WMA license or non-resident hunting license is required. Licenses are available from various local retailers or online at outdooralabama.com.

Lakepoint joins several other community archery parks currently in operation throughout the state. These

facilities are one component of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' (ADCNR) effort to increase awareness and participation in the life skill of archery. To find a community archery park nearest you, visit www.outdooralabama.com/activities/archery-parks.

The new archery park was made possible by the following agencies and organizations: Alabama State Parks, the Archery Trade Association, and ADCNR's Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries with funding through license sales and federally matched Pittman-Robertson Act funding.

For more information about the Lakepoint Community Archery Park, call the park office at (334) 687-8011. For more information about Lakepoint State Park, visit www.alapark.com/parks/lakepoint-state-park.



ELBA LADY TIGER VOLLEYBALL CAMP.... A large group of young volleyball enthusiasts were in attendance last week at the Elba Lady Tiger volleyball camp. The campers enjoyed two days of drills and lessons in the basics of the sport from Lady Tiger coaches and players.

Elba's Coach Sieving expresses optimism as Tigers continue summer football workouts

The Elba Tigers remain hard at work in preparation for the upcoming high school football season and head coach Marc Sieving continues to feel optimistic about his team after a solid showing at a seven-on-seven competition at New Brockton.

"We went to a seven-on-seven competition last week at New Brockton and played hard, gave good effort and showed that our conditioning work is paying off," said Coach Sieving. "Both the varsity and junior varsity teams competed against New Brockton and Northside Methodist, with the varsity winning both games and the JV winning one. The players were excited about the wins and getting to compete against someone else, and we as coaches were excited to get the games on tape so that we can evaluate the players. It is true a seven-on-seven game isn't like a real game since every play is a pass play. However, every play is competitive and the players on both teams want to win."

"Our offense is designed to run the football," added Sieving, "but even though

we had to pass the ball on every down we proved we can be successful throwing the ball and have the players to put the ball in the air. Brayden Johnson is a young quarterback and doesn't have much varsity experience, but he threw the ball well at times and settled down as the games went on. We have some pretty good runners that are also pretty good receivers in Peyton McCart, Byron Burks, Kimdarius Hill, Chrystyle Caldwell, Alvin Henderson and JT Coleman, and they all caught the ball well at times. We have a couple of formations that we use in passing situations, and it was good to see us move the ball and get the ball into the endzone."

"The defense looked good," said Sieving, "and we got in a lot of work out of our zone defense against two very good passing teams. We had an interception on the very first play of the first game that got the players fired up, and all in all we had a solid performance against the spread formation. We made some mistakes and got burned a few times, but everything was good and

the mistakes we made are the kind that can be fixed."

Coach Sieving stated the Tigers would return to New Brockton on July 15 for a multi-team seven-on-seven competition, while actual team practice will begin the first week of August, with a scrimmage to be held on August 7 at Miller Memorial Stadium, in downtown Elba.

"We have 44 players working this summer in grades nine through twelve," said Sieving, "and we have had very good attendance all summer. We didn't lose many players that were here in the spring, and summer workouts are very important toward the growth of the team. We have spent a lot of time in the weight room and on conditioning to be the best we can be, and have been working three hours a day, three days a week. We get outside an hour a day to work on football, and that is also very important because we are not yet set on every position and the backups at the positions. We will have to play a lot of guys on both offense and defense. So, it

is vital to find a backup to get the starters some rest. It is a team sport and those players that are backups are very important to our success."

"The seventh and eighth graders will begin working three days a week later in the summer and we will introduce them to the weight room and the basics of football," added Sieving. "We don't have big numbers in those grades and hope that more folks will come out once we get them involved. We need solid numbers in every grade and certainly know it is important to teach the younger guys the game, and to get them in shape."

"We still have three weeks left in July and plan to keep working hard in everything we do," said the second year Tiger head coach. "We will continue to install our offense and defense, pound it in the weight room and work hard on conditioning. We have to make sure we are in the best condition possible and will be the best we can be when the season kicks off on August 20."

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOUISE MARLER, Deceased.

CASE NO PC 2021-032

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Rita Tanner as Personal Representative of the Estate of Louise Marler, deceased, on the 15th day of June, 2021 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
6/24, 7-1 & 8 chg

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to NICOLE B. SESSIONS as administrator of the estate of Chad Frederick Sessions, deceased on the 28th day of May, 2021, by the Honorable Judge of Probate.

CASE NO. PC 2021-047

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Gary D. Bradshaw
GARY D. BRADSHAW
Attorney for Petitioner

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Coffee County Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the County Commission Office located at 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Alabama. The County will discuss a for-mal amendment which includes changes to the County's Fiscal Year 2020 Community Development Block Grant Economic Development (CDBG ED) Project No. CY-ED-PF-19-101/ CY-ED-PF-20-001. The County would like for all citizens of the County to attend the public hearing to give input on the proposed changes to the economic development project which benefits Ben E. Keith Co. No displacement of persons will be proposed.

Due to COVID-19 Guidelines and for the protection of all citizens, those in attendance will be required to maintain 6 feet of distance between persons not from same household. Citizens not wishing to attend the public hearing are encouraged to submit comments or questions to Rachel Armstrong at rarmstrong@searpdc.org or call (334) 794-4093 ext. 1411.

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South Alabama Nonprofit Summit will be held virtually this year on Thursday, July 29

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LIFESTYLES

July meeting for
DAV Chapter 99
set for July 22nd

The July 2021 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday, July 22, at 6 p.m.

The meeting will take place in the New Brockton Senior Center. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish.

All members that can attend, are urged to attend. There will be election of chapter officers for the year 2021 - 2022.

For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.

Lifestyles News
is due on Monday!Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe
accepting Low Income Home Energy
Assistance apps on Mondays in July

The Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama will be accepting Low Income Home Energy Assistance application for crisis and cooling for citizens of the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama that reside in Alabama's Second Congressional District, on all Mondays in July from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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Elba Public
Library to
host Bilingual
Story Time on
Mondays

On Mondays, beginning Monday, July 12, the Elba Public Library will host Bilingual Story Time for children in grades 2-6. This will be held from 4-5 p.m. each Monday.

The goal is to teach children the corresponding language. A story will be read in both English and Spanish, and there will also be fun activities and a snack.

This program is sponsored by a grant from the Public Library Association's Inclusive Internship Initiative.

For questions, call (334) 897-6921 or email: library@elbaal.gov

C.C. School System
seeks help identifying
those with disabilities

The Coffee County School System is in the process of identifying all persons with disabilities, ages 3-21 years, who are not enrolled in an educational setting, and all 0-3 year old children with disabilities.

A parent of a child with disabilities or those who know of someone who is disabled, is asked to contact the principal of the local school or the Special Education Coordinator's office at the Coffee County Board of Education at 334-897-5016.

It is important that all persons with disabilities be identified so appropriate services can be provided.

Coffee County School System contacts:

• Tami Crosby, Special Services Coordinator, 334-897-5016

• Kelly Cobb, Federal Programs Coordinator, 334-897-5016

• Megan Driggers, Principal, Kinston School, 334-565-3016

• Holli Richardson, Principal, New Brockton Elementary, 334-894-6152

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LITTLE MISS FIRECRACKER PAGEANT HELD IN ELBA...The Little Miss Firecracker Pageant was held Saturday, July 3, in conjunction with the Elba Farmers Market. Winners included: Baby Miss Firecracker Nevaeh Starks and First Runner-up Moxley Chandler; Toddler Miss Firecracker Haisley Folmar and First Runner-Up Ava Astemborski; Mini Miss Firecracker Brinley Coxwell and First Runner-Up Bryleigh Beck; and Little Miss Firecracker Gracy Sanders. The winners are pictured above with the City of Elba Queens, Little Miss Elba, Miss Elba, and Miss Juneteenth.

RWCC meeting set for July 21st

The Republican Women of Coffee County will meet July 21, 11 am, at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Hwy. Alabama. Attorney General Steve Marshall will be the guest speaker. Social time begins at 11 am; an optional \$12 lunch buffet opens at 11:30; and the program begins at approximately 12 noon. Everyone is invited, but reservations are required. Contact Jan to RSVP at 334-494-3763 or <rwcc-reservations@gmail.com> no later than July 18.

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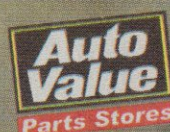
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Elba celebrates "Let Freedom Ring" with music, fireworks and more!



Under the downtown Elba lights, those attending the Let Freedom Ring event last Saturday evening, July 3, set up lawn chairs and gathered on Factory Avenue to listen to entertainment by the Cadie Calhoun Band and await the start of the fireworks display.



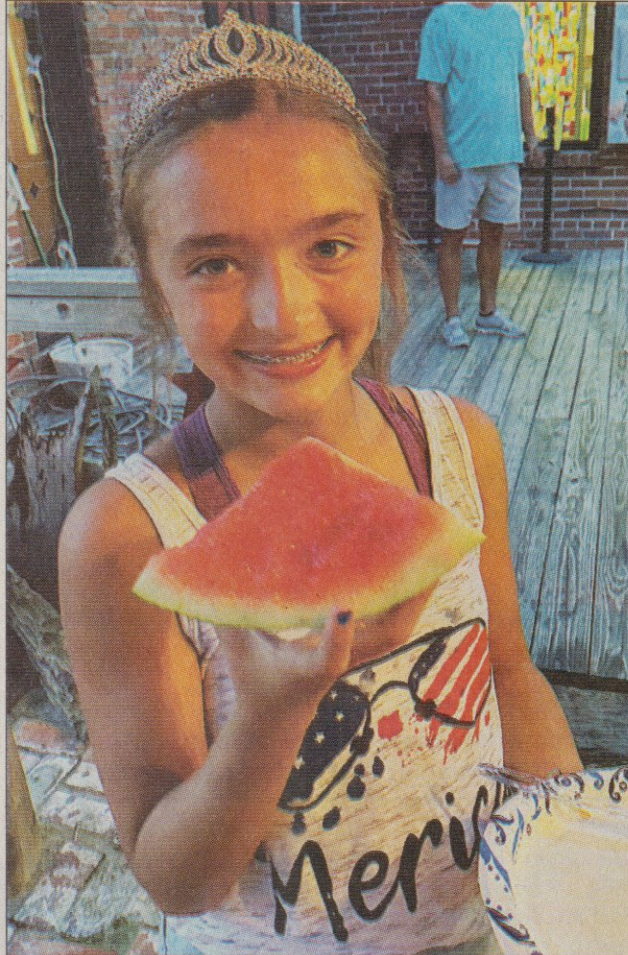
Queens of Elba were introduced as the Let Freedom Ring event got underway last Saturday night. Pictured here is Miss Juneteenth Jasmine Magwood and Junior Miss City of Elba Zalie McKelvy.



Trace Grantham and Jay Wilson enjoyed participating in the golf cart parade last Saturday evening...the parade signifies the start of Let Freedom Ring in Elba each year.



Alabama Masons MW Grand Master Tommy Morrow, a member of the Elba Masonic Lodge, is shown cutting watermelon Saturday evening during the Let Freedom Ring event. The Elba Masonic Lodge gave away free watermelon chunks to those in attendance.



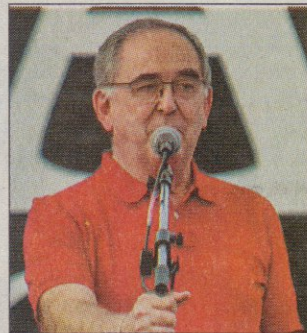
Taylor Day gave it her all as a participant of the watermelon eating contest, sponsored by the Elba Masonic Lodge as part of the Let Freedom Ring event. She shows off what's left of her piece of the juicy fruit after the contest concluded. The members of the Elba Masonic Lodge provided free watermelon to all who wanted it during Let Freedom Ring last Saturday night, July 3, in Elba.



Miss Elba Kate Hudson and Mini Miss Firecracker Brinley Coxwell are shown enjoying the entertainment of the Cadie Calhoun Band during Elba's Let Freedom Ring event. The Miss Firecracker Pageant was held Saturday morning in Elba in association with the Elba Farmers Market and Let Freedom Ring.



Fireworks exploding over the tops of the downtown Elba businesses was a beautiful sight. This view is from Factory Avenue on the square, which was the main hub for Saturday's events.



Elba Mayor Tom Maddox welcomes all to Elba last Saturday evening for the Let Freedom Ring event.



Above: The Cadie Calhoun Band, out of Nashville, Tennessee, provided entertainment during Elba's Let Freedom Ring event this year. Local sponsorships helped bring the Nashville artist to Elba to deliver a "free to the public" concert. Calhoun and her band gave a high-energy concert that was well received!



Right: This photo shows another angle of those attending the Let Freedom Ring event in Elba enjoying the fireworks brought to the community by the City of Elba, Elba Chamber of Commerce and other local business sponsors. The mastermind behind the fireworks each year is Elba native Mike Holderfield, and he again wowed the masses last Saturday night with his fireworks display!

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